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NATIONAL MEANS -CUM- MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the implementation of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme was not satisfactory in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has recently reviewed the implementation of the said scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Some difficulties have been faced in implementation of the Centrally Sponsored "National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme", such as late submission of proposals / lists of eligible students with details of bank account numbers etc. by some State/UT Governments.

(c) & (d): The task of evaluation of the scheme during XI Plan Period was entrusted to the National University of Educational Planning and Administration which has submitted the evaluation study report. The recommendations in the report, inter-alia, include its continuation in future Plans, enhancement in annual parental income ceiling and increase in rate of scholarships.